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1. [] CONSTITUENT Called Steve Jones, on the staff of Senator Strom Thurmond (R., S.C.), and advised him that there was very little interest in the Agency concerning the [] [] working in the Middle East. He had called earlier asking what the Agency had an interest in buying into. After giving it more thought, I said it would be better if one of our officers spoke with the person concerned. He liked that idea and gave me the name of [] [] I asked him to please call [] and advise him that a CIA officer, [], will be in touch with him on this matter. The foregoing arrangements had been cleared with [] [] earlier.

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2. [] LIAISON Called Richard Mauzy, House International Relations Committee, in response to his earlier call for information on the price of Soviet chrome for his background in connection with a bill before the Committee to reinvoke the U.S. ban on the import of Rhodesian chrome to the U.S. He also asked whether the Agency had any information that the Soviets were keeping the present price of their chrome high for political purposes to force the U.S. to support the present Rhodesian Government rather than for purely economic reasons. After a discussion with [] OER, [] OCI, I called Mauzy back. and informed him we had no clear indication that the Soviets were using the present pricing of their chrome for political purposes. I also furnished him the percentages on Soviet and Rhodesian chrome imported by the U.S. I made it clear to him that though the information was unclassified, it should not be attributed to the Agency.

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